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SUBJ: NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ADHERENCE

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1. EGYPT SIGNED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ON JULY 1, 1968 WITHOUT RESERVATION. GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT'S POLICY EVER SINCE HAS BEEN TO DELAY SUBMISSION OF TREATY TO EGYPTIAN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOR RATIFICA-TION UNTIL AND UNLESS GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ADHERES TO NPT. EGYPTIANS HAVE MADE CLEAR NEVERTHELESS THAT THEY INTEND TO CARRY OUT SPIRIT IF NOT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF NPT WHILE THEY AWAIT ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE. EGYPTIAN DEDICATION TO PRECEPTS OF NPT WERE MOST RECENTLY DEMON-STRATED DURING NOVEMBER, 1976 VISIT OF RIBICOFF/BAKER SENATORIAL STUDY GROUP ON NUCLEAR POWER AGREEMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST. EGYPTIANS READILY OFFERED TO PLACE ALL OF THEIR NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND INVITED AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT THEIR SINGLE FACILITY AT ANSHASS. (FYI: EGYPTIAN FACILITY AT ANSHASS IS UNDER TWO MEGAWATT LIMIT SET BY IAEA FOR ELIGIBILITY CONFIDENTIAL.

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FOR INSPECTION CRITERIA. END FYI). NATIONAL REGULATORY COMMISSION MEMBER GALINSKY SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED ANSHASS IN OCTOBER 1977.

2. ABOVE NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE IS SENTIMENT RECENTLY ESPOUSED TO EMBOFFS WITHIN GOE AT WORKING LEVEL THAT EGYPT SHOULD RATIFY NPT. FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HOWEVER,

WE BELIEVE EGYPTIAN POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED. GOE POLICY LEVEL STILL VIEWS EGYPTIAN RATIFICATION AS SIGNIFICANT LEVER TO GET ISRAELIS TO ACCEPT NPT. EILTS

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